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BOSTON NEW CHURCH UNION.

INCORPORATED, FEBRUARY. A. D. 1864.

BOSTON:

ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS, 34 SCHOOL STREET.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON NEW CHURCH UNION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. William J. Parsons, George T. Hawley, Edwin H. Abbot, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the BOSTON NEW CHURCH UNION, for the purpose of maintaining, in the city of Boston a religious library and reading room, and of promoting the knowledge of Christian truths; with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions, set forth in the sixty-eighth chapter of the General Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate, for the purposes aforesaid, in addition to said library, to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 5, 1864.

Passed to be enacted.

ALEX. H. BULLOCK, *Speaker*

IN SENATE, February 6, 1864.

Passed to be enacted.

J. E. FIELD, *President*.

FEBRUARY 8, 1864.

Approved,

JOHN A. ANDREW.

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PURPOSES OF THE UNION.

The Boston New Church Union is formed to maintain in the city of Boston a religious library and reading room, and to promote the knowledge of the doctrines of the New Jerusalem as revealed in the Word and taught in the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg.

II.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE UNION.

All persons who were, upon the eighth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-four, members of the unincorporated society, organized on the seventh day of June, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty, and known by the same name as this corporation, and whose names are, as follows: to wit: Sampson Reed, David L. Webster, William J. Parsons, George B. Davis, Nathan Hobart, Henry B. Ruggles, Charles H. Little, James Shepard, Edwin Hale Abbot, Edwin A. Gibbens, William D. Philbrick, Joseph Worcester, Luther Clark, Thomas

Worcester, James Reed, Peleg W. Chandler, Theophilus Parsons, Charles Harris, F. O. Whitney, John Filmer, William A. Wellman, David Wilder, 3d, Lemuel Little, William J. Cutler, Horace Smith, George L. Vose, Charles Marsh, Edward W. Brown, Theodore Baker, Francis Loring, James Lockett, John Worcester, Luke Bemis, George Edson, John G. Webster, Truman Henry Safford, J. M. Marsh, John Dean, William H. Dunbar, Horatio E. Davis, F. A. Hawley, George T. Hawley, Albert Cushman, B. T. Loring, John W. M. Appleton, Edwin Faxon, Marcus Faxon, W. W. Cowles, Benjamin S. Manning, William Rogers, Frederick Nichols, H. Colburn, H. C. Thacher, E. W. Cutler, Benjamin Pettee, T. H. Carter, William Carter, Charles H. Heath, James W. Edgerly, Seth Bryant, D. H. Rogers, Oliver Eldridge, D. L. Daboll, Benjamin Randall, Cyrus P. Gould, George Cutler, Gorham Gray, Joseph Andrews, William B. Pike, Edward Carter, Geo. Ropes, Albert M. Knight, George Phinney, Nathan Foster, N. C. Towle, and Edward V. McCandless, are hereby declared to be original associates in this corporation and members thereof.

III.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Any male member of the Massachusetts Association of the New Jerusalem Church may become a member of the Union by subscribing his name to the By-Laws. Any other annual contributor to the funds of this corporation

may be admitted to membership therein by vote of a majority of the Standing Committee. It shall be the duty of every member of the Union to contribute not less than two dollars annually to its funds.

IV.

AMOTION OF MEMBERS.

Any member of the Union who fails to comply with any requirements of the By-Laws; or who may file with the Secretary a written notice of his wish to withdraw from the Union; or who may cease to be a member of the Massachusetts Association of the New Jerusalem Church, shall cease to be a member of this Union upon vote of three-fourths of the Standing Committee.

V.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION.

The officers of the Union shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Directors, who shall together constitute the Standing Committee. They shall all be members of the Union and of the Massachusetts Association of the New Jerusalem Church, and shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their respective duties. They shall be annually chosen by ballot, but shall respectively hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

VI.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall have general supervision and control over all officers of the Union; may fill all vacancies among them, appoint officers *pro tempore*, and, by a three-fourths vote, suspend any officer from the exercise of his function and take immediate possession of corporate property in his hands, until the Union shall otherwise direct. The Standing Committee shall have entire control and management of the property and affairs of the Union, the appointment and removal of agents, and, when the Union is not in session, shall have and use all and every power of the Union except that of making, or in any way altering, the By-Laws of the Union.

VII.

THE PRESIDENT.

The President shall be the general Executive officer and head of the Union and of the Standing Committee. He shall annually make to the Union a report in writing, containing a general account of the doings of the Standing Committee during the previous year, and of the condition and prospects of the Union in its different departments, and make such recommendations thereupon arising as may seem to him best.

VIII.

THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall make faithful record of all votes and proceedings at meetings of the Union and of the Standing Committee. He shall keep a correct list of the members of the Union, and safely preserve the common seal and all papers and records of the corporation and of the Standing Committee. He shall notify all meetings of the Union by posting, in the Rooms of the Union or in the vestibule of the New Jerusalem Church in Bowdoin Street, in Boston, a notice of the time, place and objects of such meetings, at least seven days before the time appointed therefor.

IX.

THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys and other property of the corporation and shall keep a correct inventory thereof. He shall, in the disposition of the same, and in all payments of money, act under the constant direction and supervision of the Standing Committee, and shall annually present to the Union at its annual meeting his accounts, properly audited by the Standing Committee.

X.

MEETINGS OF THE UNION.

The Union shall meet annually upon the last Tuesday in March, in the city of Boston, for the choice of officers

and the transaction of such business as may come before it. Special meetings may at any time be called by the President, or by the Standing Committee, and shall be called, whenever five members of the Union so request in writing. It shall be the duty of any officer of the Union who may be so requested to call a special meeting thereof, to notify the same, or cause it to be notified, without delay

XI.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee shall hold stated meetings at least once in every three months.

XII.

QUORUM.

At meetings of the Union, fifteen members, and, at meetings of the Standing Committee, five members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn a meeting.

XIII.

VOTING.

Every member of the Union shall have one vote and no more, and no voting by proxy shall be allowed.

XIV.

COMMON SEAL.

The common seal of this corporation shall be inscribed with the name of the Union, and the date of its incorporation.

XV.

OBLIGATIONS, ETC., OF THE UNION, HOW EXECUTED.

All conveyances, leases, and obligations of the Union shall be signed by the Treasurer in his official capacity, countersigned by the President and Secretary, and bear the seal of the corporation. Otherwise they shall not bind the Union.

XVI.

AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws may be enlarged, diminished, suspended or amended by the concurrent vote of three-fourths of the members present at a meeting of the Union duly notified, provided, however, that no alteration in this, or in either of the first four By-Laws, shall be valid, until three-fourths of the members of the Union shall thereto give their assent in writing, and such assent be thereupon entered in the records of the corporation.



